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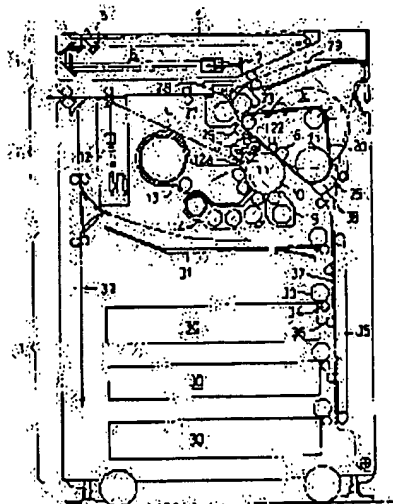
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**(54) DIGITAL COPYING MACHINE****(57)Abstract:**

**PURPOSE:** To prevent an increasing in an installation space without altering the height of a whole copying machine by forming an optical writer as a rectangular unit and longitudinally arranging the unit on the side of an image forming part.

**CONSTITUTION:** The optical writer 12 is formed into a rectangular shape (a flat box-like shape as a whole), viewed from the forefront and longitudinally arranged on the side of the image forming part constituted of process equipments such as a photosensitive drum 10 and developing devices 13 to 15 which are disposed on the periphery of the photosensitive drum 10. A distance between the photosensitive drum 10 and contact glass remains unchanged, compared with a conventional analog copying machine. Forefront width similar to the conventional copying machine is maintained without deteriorating the operability of an original. Thus, an increase in an installation space can be prevented.

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